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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1881.

A Free Education.
Common schools fostered and protected.
Democratic Platform, 1880.

1879.	1880.
First year of of school.	2,491
Second year.	2,491
Third year.	2,491
Fourth year.	2,491
Teachers.	1,578
Students.	6,755
Colored Teachers.	415
Colored Students.	755
Colored Pupils.	85,768

The Just Debt of Virginia.

Old registered and coupon debt, as of Jan. 1, 1861, \$31,506,582.90	
Old James River Stock and James River and Kanawha bonds, 204,130.00	
Total State Debt of Jan. 1, 1861, \$31,710,712.90	
Interest from Jan. 1, 1861 (including arrears at that date), to July 1, 1871, \$21,504,342.90	
Debt and interest to July 1, 1871, \$53,215,055.80	
One third off for W. Va., 17,738,351.93	
Virginia's two-thirds, \$35,476,703.87	
Interest paid from Jan. 1, 1861, to Jan. 1, 1867, 4,711,243.99	
Interest paid under acts of 1867, 2,545,459.88	
State's interest in public works sold for old bonds between Jan. 1, 1866, and July 1, 1871, 2,687,179.82	
State's interest in public works sold for bonds of 1867, between Jan. 1, 1866, and July 1, 1871, 1,023,069.85	
Deduct four years' war-in- terest on two thirds of the original debt at 6 per cent, 5,088,114.06	
Add interest at 6 per cent from July 1, 1871, to Ju- ly 1, 1881, 11,688,981.88	
Interest paid in cash since July 1, 1871, 2,321,811.78	
Interest paid in coupons since July 1, 1871, 7,301,917.00	
Redeemed by sinking fund since July 1, 1871, 5,634,720.38	
Virginia's just debt, \$15,352,609.20	
Add four years' war-in- terest deducted above, 5,088,114.06	
—W.F.G.	\$20,440,723.26

THE WARRENTON DUEL.

The Correspondence and Particulars of the Meeting.

From the South South.

On Friday night Mr. Alexander Hunter, who was at the White Sulphur Springs in Greenbrier county, W. Va., received a dispatch in these words:

"WARRENTON, Va., Aug. 29th '81.

Come here at once! don't ask any questions, but come.

Answered:

R. B. CAMPBELL."

In response Mr. Hunter telegraphed that he would leave on Saturday's fast express, and be at Warrenton Junction at 2 o'clock P. M. Mr. Campbell was on the spot, and a conversation ensued, and the following was the result:

FAUCIET CO., Va., Aug. 29th, '81.

"I place my interests in the hands of Mr. A. Hunter, and will abide implicitly by his actions. R. B. CAMPBELL."

On Sunday Mr. Hunter called upon Mr. Marshall, but found that gentleman's connection with Mr. Scott ended with the former affair. Sunday night Mr. Campbell reached home, and some personal matters were attended to. He then left before day by the advice of his second and went to Warrenton Junction, where he could be in easy telegraphic communication, and the same time be free from annoying the following correspondence passed between Mr. Hunter and Mr. J. C. Scott:

WARRENTON, Va., Aug. 29th, '81.

Mr. J. C. Scott:

"My Dear Sir—I am about to do a very unauthorized thing—and one not found in the code—but the gravity of the situation demands it, and as I am in the interest of peace, I prefer to address you personally.

"In the first place, I only believe in the 'duello' in extreme cases, cases where a man's name and honor, and the fair fame of a woman is concerned. An encounter in hot blood, blows given in anger, or intemperate language, can always be settled amicably when fair reason and sober judgment resumes its sway, at least I have always found it so, for since the war I have settled scores of disputes, and misunderstandings, and I not a drop of blood has been spilled, and I not a drop of man's honor has been sullied or motives misconstrued in any case.

"With the former quarrel between Mr. Campbell and myself I know nothing, except what I saw in the papers, and I have nothing to do with it. That trouble was settled by an arrest, where both parties were bound over to keep the peace.

"It seems that on Thursday night, August 26th, after both you and he had been bound over to keep the peace, that you met him, and in the presence of witnesses called him a d—n son of a b—.

A deadly encounter was prevented then and there by the intervention of zealous or over-zealous friends.

"Now you have applied the most foul epithet that the foulest invention of ill-literate for centuries has been able to invent, or derogatory to his motives. That could be borne, but the insult to his mother and branding her sweet memory and name with that blackened name that the pure lips of womanhood ever fear to pronounce.

"There are some things dearer to us than life, and the man who would demand a retraction against his mother would be a THING, and try, and unworthy to live.

"Now I appeal to your own fair-mindedness and to your own heart and ask that you give Mr. Campbell a full and complete apology for the unpardonable insult which in the heat of passion you applied to him. Yours very truly,

ALEX. HUNTER."

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perate earnest and determined manner, demanded that the fight should proceed—Mr. Scott's second also joining in the cry, but the other second declared it should not be. A stormy scene ensued; the principals advanced toward each other with dangerous intent, and then it was that Mr. Campbell's second threw himself between the two and got the pistol from his principal's hand, calling upon Mr. Scott to do the same; and obtaining both weapons, fired their contents into the ground, thus ending the duel.

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